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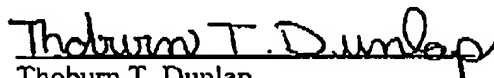
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It is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines a fee is due,
authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account 50-1501.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Stoll**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 24, 2006, wherein the
Examiner issued a Requirement for Restriction in the matter of the captioned application.**Election**Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1 to 11) drawn to a method of
compatibilizing an anionic polymeric rheology modifier.**Election of Species**The Examiner has required applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution
on the merits and requested the following:

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- 1) Election of a single chemical structure that defines the rheology modifier, and
- 2) Election of a single chemical structure that defines the complexing agent.

Accordingly, the elected rheology modifier (1) is a crosslinked acrylic based copolymer polymerized from (meth)acrylic acid and a C₁₀-C₃₀ alkyl (meth)acrylate, and the complexing agent (2) is a polysilicone (dimethicone copolyol phthalate), selected from structure (I) set forth in claim 7, wherein "a" is 7, "b" and "c" are 0, R' is methyl, and R⁸ is C(O)-X, where X is aryl. A composition and method comprising species (1) and (2) is set forth in paragraph [00102] of the present specification.

Claims 1 through 11 are readable on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please feel free to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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